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THE ORNERY BOZO USES THIS SWAMP FOR A HIDE-OUT WHEN HE'S NOT OUT RAIDING ON THE HIGH SEAS IN HIS SWOOSHMOBILE ! (ER, DON'T LOOK NOW, SHERIFF, BUT OUR SHIPS ARE BARELY




MAYBE IT'S UNLAWMANLIKE TO ALLIGATOR-BACK-RIDE, BUT IT'S RESULTS THAT COUNTI LOOK..














AND SURE ENOUGH...




One day, Cap'n Pete, the world-traveling pelican, swooped down from the blue skies to rest on a small atoll in the South Pacific.

Fishing boats were pulled up high on the sandy shore of the lagoon in front of a native village, but the area was strangely devoid of people.
"Well, swab my decks, where is everybody?" Cap'n Pete squawked aloud as he waddled up the deserted street of the village.

He poked his inquisitive beak inside one hut affer another and found them all to be empty. Even the jungle around the village was quiet, as if there wasn't a single living creature on the whole island.
'Blow me down!" he exclaimed with surprise, "it seems like the whole crew's abandoned the island for some reason. I wonder why."

As he was pondering the mystery, a sudden raucous cry from the deep green foliage of a nearby tree made him jump with alarm.
"Waawk! They're all gone! Waaawk! But I was too smart for them. All those strange men weren't making me leave my home!" a hoarse voice cried shrilly.
"Whew, you gave me a start there, matey!" Cap'n Pete gasped as he spied a colorfully plumaged parrot in the tree. "I can see everyone has left the village, all right, but where did they go? And why? And how did they get off the island without their boats?"
"Humph! You're an inquisitive old fellow, aren't you?" the parrot said saucily.
"All right, smarty, stow the sassy gab and start giving out with some answers!" Cap'n Pete snapped testily. "I want to get at the bottom of this mystery."
"Well, if you must know, a great big boat came along and fook all the natives off the
island," the parrot explained haughtily. "The villagers took everything they could carry. And the crew of the boat even captured all the birds and animals and took them along, too. All except me," he said proudly. "I was too smart to be caught."
"Hmm, I sure don't like the looks of this," Cap'n Pete muttered with a worried frown. "The only big boats in this area are battleships and..."

Before he had finished his sentence, Cap'n Pete was interrupted by a thunderous roar, followed by a tremendous explosion which shook the whole island.
"Waaawk! Waaawk!" the parrot screeched with alarm. "What was that?"

Cap'n Pete was already in the air, flapping skyward as fast as he could go. Once high above the treetops, he spied the dim outline of a ship, far out on the horizon.
"It's a battleship!" he croaked anxiously, quickly, swooping down to the parrot again.
"Abandon ship, matey!" he called shrilly. "The navy's using this island for target practice for their big guns. That's why the natives left. They must have been moved to new homes on another island. Clear the decks and follow me!"
"Oh, dear," the parrot squawked worriedly. "No wonder they went around and took all the animals off the island, too. I guess I wasn't so smart to get away from them, after all. I wish I was far away from here, now."
"Come on, it's still not too late to heist full sail!" Cap'n Pete urged as another shell rocked the island with a thunderous explosion. "Now that we have the solution to this mystery, the best thing to do is to get far enough away so we can forget the whole 'shattering experience!"




AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...


## AND A FEW MINUTES' WORTH OF FOOTPRINTS AWAY...








"I FIGURED SOME KIND OF MEDAL OR AWARD WOULD ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO TRAP MICE NATURALLY, I COULDN'T AFFORD TO GIVE AWAY GOLD OR SILVER MEDALS... AND SINCE BRICKS


"NO, CLYDE DIDN'T CATCH THEM EXACTLY! YOU SEE, HE WAS A BAND LEADER WHO CAME TO PLAY FOR AROVAL

"BUT OUTSIDE, OUR SPIRITS WERE LIFTED THOUGH





I THINK BRAD NAILER'S BEEN RESPONSIBLE









